



Engineering Company Fined \$35,000 for Safety Violation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Ottawa, ON, May 17, 2011) – An engineering company, Carmichael Engineering Ltd., that operates in Ontario recently pled guilty for failing to properly train employees in the installation of venting for a gas boiler, contrary to provincial requirements under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000* (the Act).

The Ontario Court of Justice in Ottawa fined the defendant \$35,000, plus the 25% Victim Surcharge, given the circumstances of the case.

Following an investigation conducted by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) in January of 2008, an inspector for TSSA's Fuels Safety Program determined that employees of Carmichael Engineering had installed two high-efficiency gas boilers at Bayshore Community Garden Homes and Town Homes in Ottawa, Ontario and were not properly trained on the use and application of adhesives on its venting at the time of installation. Ontario Regulation 212/01 (Gaseous Fuels) prohibits a person from performing installation, operation, and maintenance work unless properly trained in such functions.

Carmichael Engineering failed to ensure proper compliance with safety regulations that are essential to public safety. Carmichael has updated and maintained its training practices since the time of the installation.

"Failing to comply with safety requirements is a serious offence," says Ruud Berkel, Acting Director of TSSA's Fuels Safety Program. "In Ontario, employers must ensure all fuels technicians are properly trained in the installation, operation or maintenance of gas appliances, as per Ontario Regulation 212/01."

"Prosecution for non-compliance is an important tool of enforcement," adds Berkel. "However working with stakeholders toward compliance and cooperation, often in proactive partnership, is the cornerstone of fuels safety."

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is an innovative, not-for-profit, organization dedicated to enhancing public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization's vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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